

AGENDA
RAISE Act Family Caregiving Advisory Council

July 16, 2020
12:30–4:30 pm, Eastern Time
***Times Subject to Change**

- 12:30–12:40 **Welcome and Roll Call**
Greg Link
Director, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services
Administration for Community Living
- 12:40–12:50 **Open and Convening Remarks**
Lance Robertson
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging
Administration for Community Living
- 12:50–1:00 **Agenda Overview and Updates**
Greg Link
Director, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services
Administration for Community Living
- 1:00–1:45 **Medicare and Family Caregivers**
Judith A. Stein, JD
Executive Director
Center for Medicare Advocacy
- David Lipschutz, JD
Associate Director
Center for Medicare Advocacy

Meeting Preparation Instructions:

Prior to the meeting, be sure to have read the *Issue Brief: Medicare and Family Caregivers*, written by the Center for Medicare Advocacy. This presentation will provide an overview of the paper. Following the presentation there will be a discussion of takeaways and recommendations based on the discussion questions below:

1. How does Medicare impact family caregivers?
2. What home health and home care does Medicare cover?
3. What are the biggest barriers and challenges?
4. What options should the Council consider to expand support for family caregivers through Medicare?

- 1:45–2:30 **Medicaid and State Programs**
Bea-Alise Rector, MPA
Director
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Meeting Preparation Instructions:

This session will provide an overview of Washington State’s efforts to support family caregivers using Medicaid program dollars. Please refer to the discussion questions below and consider other questions you might have about the possible interplay between Medicaid programs and family caregiver supports:

1. How can Medicaid and state-funded programs support family caregivers? How does Washington State use the T-Care family caregiver assessment tool?
2. How can states better finance long-term services and supports?
3. What is the return-on-investment or cost-benefit analysis for these programs?

4. What can states do to support people who are not yet eligible for Medicaid but are at risk?
5. What state family caregiver policies and programs are best practices that could be scaled up across more states; and is it possible given tight state budgets at this time?
6. What recommendations should the Council consider?

2:30–2:45

Short Break

2:45–3:30

Listening Sessions (Feedback)

Pamela Nadash, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Gerontology
University of Massachusetts

Eileen Tell
Principal and Owner

ET Consulting, LLC

Meeting Preparation Instructions:

This session will provide an update on the listening sessions completed thus far. The speakers will present information on general trends and themes and provide an overview of upcoming focus groups and listening sessions. Based on the information presented and using the discussion questions below, please come prepared to provide suggestions for future focus groups and listening sessions.

1. What have been the big take-aways from the listening sessions so far?
2. What types of family caregiver solutions seem to resonate most with family caregivers; and does it differ by the different types of caregivers and their situations?
3. Any surprises?
4. What other types of participants should be in future focus groups?

3:30–4:15

Review/Discussion: Initial Report to Congress Outline

Sarah Markel
Aging Services Program Specialist
Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services
Administration for Community Living

Meeting Preparation Instructions:

Prior to the meeting, review the draft outline of the RAISE Initial Report to Congress (see instructions on Page 1 of the outline). Our goal is to reach consensus so that we can move ahead with writing the report. Come prepared to express any questions or minor concerns. Consider the following questions for the discussion:

1. Given that the report to Congress follows the requirements of the RAISE Act and Council feedback, are there any changes that should be made to the outline?
2. Are there missing elements we need to consider adding?

4:15 –4:30

Wrap Up & Next Steps.

Greg Link
Director, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services
Administration for Community Living

A complete list of council members can be found at the [RAISE web page](#)